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Prayer Targets:

- **Missionaries Returning**– For Anjan & Dina, Star and Solomon as they return to the field from furlough. For fresh grace and renewed vision upon their return.
- **Bill and Carol Dew** – for strength and power as they continue to train leaders this month in Brazil.
- **Contact Groups** – For divine appointments and supernatural assignments that will lead to people coming to Christ.
- **IWAR Students** – Allen, Rufus and Ranjan for favor and authority as they set up Sounds of the Nations, India.

War Chest Offering July
$4,589.66
Anjan & Dina Biswas

War Chest Offering August
$2,402.00
Pastors' training conference in India

War Chest Offering for September will go towards the Pastors Conference in India - February 2005. Our goal is

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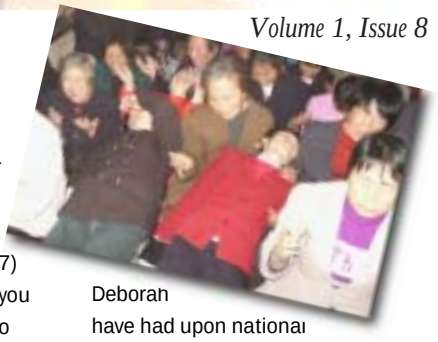
Choosing Where We Go

Have you ever wondered how we choose which nations we will work in? I mean, there are so many great opportunities and so many nations in need. Why Fiji? Why India? Why not Ethiopia or Uzbekistan? There actually is a mission criteria for how we choose which nations we will work with.

Our first mission criteria is that someone in our leadership must be captivated with that nation, mission or people group. Each believer faces the challenge of distinguishing a burden from a call. I can get a burden for any city, state, or nation I visit; but a call continues to haunt me way after the novelty of the visit wears off. In Bible college, one of my professors defined a call as *"the ability to meet a need."* It didn't take me long to find out that this definition is actually the recipe for burnout. Jesus said, *"The poor you will always have with you and you can help them anytime you want."* (Mark 14:7) Human need is an ocean that you can drown in if you are trying to rescue everyone around you. God does place specific calls upon our lives for specific times, places, and people. A captivating call is the first thing we look for in a leader.

Our second mission criteria has to do with supernatural grace and favor. Do we recognize that God is giving us access or favor beyond what is ordinary or explainable? Cleddie Keith says, *"I don't want an explainable ministry."* Pastor Dave and the mission board have adopted this motto as part of our philosophy of life and mission. Some of the examples of this divine favor would be the influence that Dave and Deborah have had upon national church and governmental leaders in Fiji. There is no logical explanation for this level of influence outside of the favor and anointing of God. Similarly, Steve and Lorraine Box are continually invited to train the leaders, pastors and martyrs over the nation of China. This is clear evidence of supernatural favor and authority.



Our final criteria can be summed up in the word "*impact*." Whatever we give ourselves to in mission must make an impact. Our desire is to *"redeem the time"* and make the most significant and lasting influence with our time, money, and

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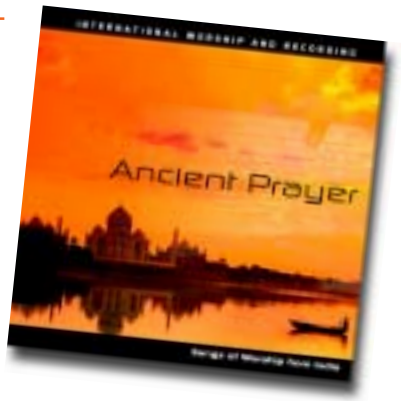
Ancient Prayer

Ancient Prayer is the new CD from our International Worship and Recording (IWAR) school. The title cut is a 3500 year-old prayer from ancient India that says, *"Lead me from the unreal to the real. Lead me from darkness to light. Lead me from death to immortality. I am a sinner. My deeds are sinful. I was born in sin. Please help me God. O Lord, you alone are my refuge and I have none else but you."* Allen Ganta, who set this ancient prayer to music believes that many from a Hindu background can be brought to Jesus Christ through this familiar prayer. The song was produced in Hyderabad, India by Allen and then brought to America for some touch-ups and a final mix. Thanks to your prayers and offerings, along with a grant from Gospel Mission of India, Allen will be serving full-time in India leading, training, and teaching worship.



Fiji and families

One of the exciting things about this year's mission to Fiji is that we took so many families. Pastor Dave took his father, his wife, and his son-in law. Mark and Sherry Morrison went with their teenage daughter. The Hawkins took their whole family. But it wasn't just the families who went on the trip that were impacted. After arriving home, I heard this testimony from Craig and Shannon Farris regarding Fiji and a family who stayed home.

"While the church went to Fiji, my family decided to pray the prayer points for the trip. This became our favorite daily event with Tamara (age 7), Trisha (6), Brittney (3), and Bethany (2). There were days as I walked in the door from work that they would ask if we could pray for Fiji now. As the week went on they began to choose which point they wanted to pray for. That is an exciting thing for parents to watch.

When I heard about the service where so many people were healed in such a short time I couldn't wait to tell the girls. After they heard about it, they got so excited they were running around the house. They knew that because they had prayed, people had been healed."

Let me take this opportunity to thank those members of the CLC family who supported the Fiji mission with their prayer, their financial support, and their faith. One of the great things that I have come to understand in mission work is that when we are sent by a body we don't just go with our own anointing; **we travel under the corporate and collective anointing of the entire church family.** Your faith and prayers are such an important part of every miracle and breakthrough. Please remember each month as you read the testimonies in *The Mission* that these are your testimonies, not just those who went on the trip.

National pastors' gathering in Bokoro

Anjan Biswas, from Calcutta, India reports a continual stream of requests from pastors who are wanting to attend the next national gathering in Bokoro, India. Hundreds of pastors have been impacted by past meetings, and many are saying that their whole church has been changed. Three years ago, a businessman from CLC underwrote the entire conference and invited Dan McCollam and the Dews to speak. That meeting resulted in dozens of healings and more than one hundred Hindus from the city of Bokoro giving their lives to Christ. Through the training, many went back to their own city to see many healings and salvations take place in their own local churches.

In 2005, CLC will be the financial sponsor for this event. Our goal is to raise at least $10,000 to help pastors attend the conference from every region of India. Our War Chest offerings will help to pay their travel, food and lodging. Many of these pastors live on less than $100 a month. **For about $20 per pastor you can sponsor them for this life- changing event that will ultimately affect a whole village in India.**

Team Jesus breakthrough!

Kim and Paula Grasty are founders of Team Jesus Motor-sports Evangelism which is a "multi-faceted organization formed in 1996 to meet the growing needs of fans who attend multi-day motor-sports events." They strive to bring a positive family atmosphere to racing along with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Last month Kim and Paula teemed up with an extreme sports ministry to present an evangelistic film at the track. After the film presentation over 80 people made decisions for Christ. Keep Kim and Paul in your prayers as they continue to seek God's direction for their ministry. Meanwhile, volunteers and financial support is always welcomed. Their next large event will be in Las Vegas during October 28-31.

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energy. This is why we so often pour more of our resources into leadership rather than large crusades. If you impact the life of a leader you can touch an entire community through that one leader. That is why Bill and Carol Dew are currently training leaders in Brazil to do healing and deliverance; Steve and Lorraine Box train church leaders in China; Dan McCollam and Bob Book train worship leaders from India; and Dave and Deborah Crone are speaking in to governmental and religious leaders of Fiji; it's about impact.

There are many places we could go for international ministry and there is so much that could be done. Our responsibility is to hear from God on what we should be doing and where. These three mission criteria are guides that the Lord has impressed upon our hearts to make those decisions easier to discern. Ask the Lord what His current mission is for you.

Mission Calendar

San Francisco Outreach (City Ministries, Int'l)
Every Friday Night

Feeding the Hungry
Every Sunday

Prison Ministry
Every Tuesday Night

China
Late November

India
February 2005

Sierra Leone
February 2005

China
April 2005